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The 720th Special Tactics Group commander presents the Bronze Star with Valor to the wife of Capt. Jeremy Fresques, 23rd Special Tactics Squadron, at a memorial service June 3 at Freedom Hangar. The service paid honors to four Hurlburt Field Airmen killed in an aircraft crash in Iraq May 30.

# Hurlburt gives final farewell to fallen comrades

By Jamie Haig Public Affairs

In the oppressive heat of the Freedom Hanger, friends, families and co-workers gathered to celebrate the lives of four exceptional Airmen.

More than 1,500 people filled the hangar June 3 for the opportunity to pay their respect, say their prayers, to give their thanks and to say goodbye to three combat controllers and one pilot, all from Hurlburt Field, who were killed when a single-engine Iraqi Air Force plane crashed north of Baghdad May 30. The Iraqi Air Force pilot was also killed in the crash.

Maj. William Downs of the 6th Special Operations

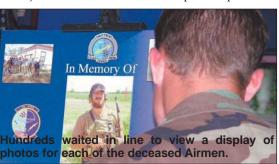


Photo by Staff Sgt. Holly Wangelin

Squadron, Capt. Jeremy Fresques, Capt. Derek Argel and Staff Sgt. Casey Crate of the 23rd Special Tactics Squadron, were a team.

"Brian flew, fought, lived and died with us," said Col. Kenneth Rodriguez, 720th Special Tactics Group commander. "I was fortunate enough to spend time with all four of these



Photo by Airman 1st Class Kimberly Batts

The 6th Special Operations Squadron commander says a few words to honor the fallen Airmen.

men about two months ago and was able to watch them in action, watch them take care of business."

All four Airmen were posthumously awarded the Bronze Star with Valor for their actions in Iraq. Their families were presented with the medals at the ceremony.

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# Commanders access channel scheduled to debut Monday

By Capt. Tom Knowles
Public Affairs

Beginning Monday, members of Team Hurlburt looking for information about the base, Air Force and Department of Defense can turn to the new commanders access channel.

The Hurlburt Field Commanders Access Channel is a televised internal communication tool designed to deliver timely, accurate and relevant news and information to Hurlburt Field personnel and their families.

The channel will be aired 24 hours a day, seven days a week through the base cable service on Channel 23. Cable subscribers residing in military family housing will also have access to the programming.

"This is another avenue for us to get the latest information out to all members of our Hurlburt Field community to include family members," said Col. O.G. Mannon, 16th Special Operations Wing commander. "Successful communication with our military personnel, civilian employees, retirees and family members is vital for high morale and ultimately, the accomplishment of the Air Force mission

"The new commanders access channel will provide the Hurlburt Field community with another avenue to accomplish this critical objective," he said.

Programming for the new channel will include a variety of information to include base information and events, the Pentagon Channel and Air Force Television News.

"We will also be able to use this tool to relay important, real-time crisis communication messages, both exercise and real-world, to the base populous," said Colonel Mannon.

"This channel is for you Team Hurlburt, so I encourage your feedback. Together, we can ensure optimal use of this valuable communication instrument," he said.

Programming submissions and feedback regarding the commanders access channel should be sent to the 16th Special Operations Wing public affairs office via e-mail at commando@hurlburt.af.mil or call 884-7464.

#### Flag Day ceremony

On Tuesday, the 505th Command and Control Wing will conduct a Flag Day ceremony and Reveille beginning at 7:15 a.m. at the 505th CCW campus. The ceremony is open to any unit or individual who would like to attend and will take place at the flag poles located in front of the 505th Training Squadron, located south of the Hurlburt Field Air Park.

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Today Partly cloudy, High 85/Low 73
Saturday Showers, High 82/Low 77

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Sunday Showers, High 82/Low 77

### Open Line

The Commander's Open Line is your direct line to me for questions or suggestions about subjects of concern to the Hurlburt Field community. I really appreciate your feedback.

To receive a response, leave your name, unit and telephone number. Open lines of general interest will be printed in the

**COMMANDO**. I'll answer the others by letter or phone call. Remember, the quickest and most efficient way to resolve a problem is to talk directly to the agency responsible. This gives them an opportunity to help you and perhaps improve their process.

However, if you're not satisfied with the answer you receive, feel free to give me a call at 884-OPEN (6736), or e-mail your concerns to commando@hurlburt.af.mil.



Col. O.G. Mannon

#### Elimination of towel service

**Comment:** I'm disappointed to see that the towel service has been discontinued at the base fitness centers. This was a convenience that I believe encouraged folks to use our fitness centers, since it added to the great customer service. Without the added benefit of the towel service that we used to have, it might even discourage some from going to the fitness centers

I understand that many services are based on budgets, but you'd think with the emphasis the Air Force has placed on physical fitness, we'd be able to maximize the services at the fitness centers. I also understand that the fitness centers may have had a problem with patrons not returning the towels, but perhaps this could be solved by starting a sign out process for towels just the same as equipment and sports items. I think if folks had to sign for a towel and be accountable for it, then perhaps they wouldn't forget to turn it in when they leave the

Do you think we might see a return of the towel service again someday?

Response: Unfortunately, I don't see us returning towel service to the fitness centers in the near future. Over the past six years, the fitness centers were supported with four civilian overhire positions. These positions enabled us to offer extended hours of operations and enhanced programming not possible with only the authorized positions in the fitness centers.

Deep budget cuts this year forced us to eliminate those overhire positions. We then looked into contracting the towel service out, but it was just too costly; in excess of \$100,000 annually. The replacement of lost, stolen and worn towels while costly, wasn't the driving factor in eliminating towel service; it was the lost overhire positions and the capability to launder the towels in-house.

With our constrained budget, I believe that money could be better spent on continued upgrades and maintenance on our current selection of fitness equipment. I regret any inconvenience this may cause, and appreciate your understanding.

# We will never forget

By Col. O.G. Mannon 16th SOW commander

The Quiet Professionals of Hurlburt Field once again faced tragedy May 30, as we were notified that four from our Air Force Special Operations Command community died in the crash of an Iraqi aircraft while conducting flying operations in the theater of war.

Having received this tragic news, 'Team Hurlburt' pulled together to host a memorial service June 3 at Freedom Hangar, where we paused to mourn the loss and celebrate the lives of these

dedicated Airmen. The event was carried out superbly and reflected a fitting tribute to honor the memory of our fallen comrades who made the ultimate sacrifice. I'd like to offer my heartfelt "thanks" to everyone who played a part in making this event happen.

Although these four men were taken too soon and no tribute can help with the long nights of mourning, their memories will never die. We will always remember and carry them in our prayers.

As we reflect on this recent loss, our thoughts and prayers go to the families and friends of these fallen heroes. I

their dedication to the nation and commit your own future actions to their memory and to the mission not yet finished. As we do so, we'll draw strength from each other, as we face the challenge of continuing our unwavering commitment to mission success and winning our nation's Global War on Terrorism.

Thanks to each of you and your families for your dedicated service in defending our way of life. You're all important and vital to the mission, and I consider it an honor to serve beside

# Summer – season to exercise off-duty safety

By Lt. Gen. John Bradley AF Reserve Command commander

WASHINGTON - "There are no second acts in American lives," F. Scott Fitzgerald once wrote.

Memorial Day Weekend signals the start of summer, traditionally a time of fun and sun. During the 101 Critical Days of Summer, we sometimes try to do too much because of the extra sunlight.

Here are suggestions on how to keep healthy and safe this summer:

Alcohol consumption - Don't drink and operate vehicles, such as automobiles, boats, jet skis, etc. If you drink, do it moderately and always appoint a designated driver.

Traveling - Be sober, vigilant and

well-rested. Ensure everyone wears a seatbelt.

Watercraft - Know your craft and use personal floatation devices. Use caution when operating boats and jet skis, staying away from other boaters, swimmers and jet skiers.

Motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles - Don't operate any of them without proper training and personal protective equipment. Always remain vigilant and drive defensively.

Outdoor activities - Before and after athletic activity, take a short moderateto-brisk walk to improve circulation rather than stretching, which experts say contributes to muscle strain. Know your limits and don't overdo it. Avoid prolonged exposure to the sun, use sunscreens and drink plenty of water.

Swimming – Swim with a buddy in known waters and don't drink. In the past few years we've been made more aware of the need for diligent force protection. We need to apply this same kind of vigilance off duty during the 101 Critical Days of Summer.

Most mishaps involve one or more of the following factors: alcohol, fatigue, darkness, bad weather, poor judgment, inappropriate risk-taking. Let's use common sense, plan ahead and be prepared.

An "it-will-never-happen-to-me" attitude isn't a guarantee, but rather a recipe for disaster. Take care of your family and of your Air Force family.

Be alert and prevent incidents that could cause a lifetime of regrets. Let's all enjoy the months of summer, but let's enjoy our off-duty time responsibly.

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### DUI Tracker



Last DUI: 716th Maintenance Squadron, May 27

Days since last DUI:

16th OG...34 16th MXG...14

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Potential saves this year: 267

# Pirates plunder Fort Walton Beach

By Senior Airman Mareshah Haynes
Public Affairs

Police cars and motorcycles led the parade down Eglin parkway, lights flashing and sirens blaring. The Hurlburt Field Honor Guard followed, and the crowd cheered as the colors passed. Participants in the parade threw beads and candy into the crowd to the anxiously awaiting spectators who lined the streets.

This was the scene at the 50th Annual Billy Bowlegs Torchlight parade Monday evening.

According to local legend, a pirate named William Augustus Bowles, also known as Billy Bowlegs, came to Florida to take Pensacola from the Spanish. The charismatic Bowlegs and his motley crew, gained notoriety and enemies in the area. Eventually Bowlegs was captured by the Spanish. Bowlegs was such a proud man, he refused to talk to his captors or eat any food they offered. Consequently, Bowlegs died at the age of 42 of starvation

Each year, the Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce hosts the Billy Bowlegs festival, where Billy Bowlegs tries to charm the mayor into letting him into the city. After the mayor's refusal, Bowlegs and his "krewe" challenge the mayor and the city's militia to a mock battle. If Bowlegs wins (his record is currently 50-0) he

declares a week of merriment for all the citizens of Fort Walton Beach.

The purpose of the Billy Bowlegs parade is to celebrate the festival, said Hugh Kendall, a member of the Billy Bowlegs committee and parade marshal. There were 75 floats in this year's parade and approximately 7,000 to 10,000 spectators, Kendall said.

There were five categories of floats, organizational, commercial, marching, "krewe" and VIP, and five judges judging the parade this year. The winners from each category will receive a plaque that will be presented by the Chamber of Commerce at the First Friday Coffee in July

Hurlburt Field was represented in the parade by a Humvee and 30 marching Airmen, who wore BDUs, DCUs, and blues uniforms. Many Airmen brought their children and spouses to participate as well. Airmen waved to the crowd and tossed candy and beads to the crowd as they

Marge Mann, a volunteer with the Chamber of Commerce and former military wife, chose to participate in the parade with the troops from Hurlburt.

"My husband and I are very involved with the mili-



Airmen from the 16th Communications Squadron (above) join other Billy Bowlegs parade participants in handing out beads to the crowd, as they walked down Eglin Parkway Monday.

tary. The military is a part of our community and we fully support them," said Ms. Mann.

It was a really patriotic event, said Tech. Sgt. Eric Semmler, 16th Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal.

The parade is a way the military can see how much the community appreciates us, and we can show them we appreciate them back, said Sergeant Semmler.

# Rising Sophomore Programs kicks off at Hurlburt Field

By Amy Oliver Public Affairs

The 16th Special Operations Wing will host two groups of Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets this summer participating in the Secretary of the Air Force's Rising Sophomore Summer Program.

The first group of forty cadets arrived Monday and will spend three weeks on Hurlburt Field, visiting all four of the 16th SOW groups to obtain hands-on experience in a variety of career fields.

The goal of RSSP is to expose these young cadets to the Air Force way of life as a retention tool during the crucial summer months between their freshmen and sophomore years.

"These cadets are on AFROTC scholarships, and really don't know what they're getting into," said 1st Lt. Samuel Cartee, 16th Component Maintenance Squadron, and project officer for the program here.

Lieutenant Cartee said that the majority of freshman

year cadets have never been on an Air Force base.

The cadets will eat, sleep, work and play on base. Some of the activities planned for them include tours of various squadrons, physical training every morning, and several opportunities to shadow officers in a range of career fields.

In addition, they're authorized use of all Hurlburt recreational facilities.

Cadet Christina McCool, originally from Niceville, attends the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind. She wants to become an engineer in the acquisition field, and ultimately work with Stealth technology.

"I hope to learn more about how the Air Force functions, so that I can be a better officer when I commission," she said.

Cadet McCool's father was in the Air Force, so she's been on a base many times.

"Being able to see a (MH-53 PAVE LOW) helicopter up close was a great experience that not everyone gets to do" she said

The cadets represent colleges and universities from all over the country, and are all entering their sophomore year. RSSP is required of all cadets who are on four-year AFROTC scholarships. Additional slots are available to cadets not on scholarship, however, those cadets must apply, and the selection process is competitive.

The freshman year of an AFROTC program is basically an introduction to the Air Force, and the RSSP caps off the first year's lessons. RSSP was initiated two years ago as an experimental AFROTC plan to boost retention and exposure of cadets on scholarship.

Over the past two years, the program has evolved based on lessons learned and cadet recommendations. Activities now primarily concentrate on enlisted experiences. This new focus will help the cadets learn about the troops they will be leading as junior officers.

This year, nearly 500 cadets will participate in the program, hosted by five bases, including Eglin Air Force Base and Hurlburt Field.

### IMAX film takes viewers into operations of Red Flag exercise

By Jamie Haig Public Affairs

Surrounded by planes, ships and other memorabilia, Air Force personnel from Hurlburt Field and Eglin Air Force Base joined their Navy counterparts for the premier of the IMAX movie "Fighter Pilot: Operation Red Flag" at Pensacola Naval Air Station June 2.

Retired Vice Admiral John Fetterman, Jr., founder of the Pensacola NAS museum, greeted the Air Force enthusiastically.

"With the suggestions of the Base Realignment and Closure committee, the value of a unified team gains greater importance," said Vice Adm. Fetterman. "This is an ideal time to salute the Air Force and we extend our hand and welcome you all."

Filmed at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., Red Flag is an international training exercise for all four branches of



The Fighter Pilot: Operation Red Flag IMAX film allowed viewers to follow an F-15 Eagle pilot from departure, throughout the training briefs and into each day's exercise.

the U.S. military, Guard and Reserve as well as the air forces of allied countries. The objective is to make the exercises challenging and realistic, to ensure the pilots, ground crews, mechanics and rescue personnel understand what they will be facing in combat. For 30 years, it's provided combat training for almost a half million military personnel, giving them an insight on what to expect in real time combat.

"I was really happy to see this come about, having participated in Red Flag myself. It's a vital part of the integration," said Maj. Gen. John Folkerts, Air Force Special Operations Command commander.

The IMAX movie follows one F-15 Eagle pilot from departure from his home base to Nellis, throughout the training briefs, and into each day's exercise. Every day, there is a new threat or scenario that he'll be tested on. There is a 'red' enemy team and a 'blue' good-guys team. All movements of each participant are monitored in the Airborne Warning and Control System.

Following one particular pilot through the maze makes it easier to understand the Red Flag exercise. The filming from the cockpit and the wheels of the F-15 give the viewer a 'birds-eye' view of what these pilots see every day.

The film will be showing at the Pensacola NAS Museum for six months.

#### MEET THE NEW COMMANDER

#### Maj. Lance Whitfill

Organization: 16th Comptroller Squadron

Hometown: Cleburne, Texas

**Hobbies:** Spending time with wife and daughters and playinggolf

**Previous Assignment:** 

Headquarters Air Force Special Operations Command's Air Force **Budget Operations chief** 

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# Sentinels of Freedom ride for Wall – again

By Brett Kerr Sentinels of Freedom

June 10, 2005

On May 24, the Hurlburt Field Motorcycle Club, the Sentinels of Freedom, began the Ride for the Wall to Washington, D.C. to participate in the Rolling Thunder: Ride for Freedom in honor of the men and women who have sacrificed and endured hardship in service of their

The ride started at the Hurlburt Field Permanent Exercise Facility with the customary ride brief from Lt. Col G. "Willie" Simmons, road captain and SOF vice president, and a blessing from Chaplin (Capt.) Loren Raiford for a safe journey and safe return home for all the bikes and riders.

With the conclusion of the blessing, twelve motorcycles loaded for the 10-day trip and two chase vehicles roared to life. Several friends and family members came out to see the SOF off as their journey began.

In Wetumpka, the SOF joined up with two more of their riders, now totaling fourteen motorcycles and two chase vehicles with a bike in each.

Although is would be easy to simply get on the big highways and roar all the way up to Washington at highway speeds, this journey was designed to enhance the motorcycling experience with the purpose of covering the distance, and to do so with some of the most exciting and enjoyable motorcycling roads on the East Coast.

Each of the destinations for the nights stay

was focused on motorcycle touring and the motorcyclist. The real enjoyment was getting to locations such as 29 Dreams, Iron Horse and Two Wheels Only, which are only accessible by two-lane, treelined, roads with almost constant curves and corners all the way to their front door.

On Saturday, the day before the Ride for Freedom, six SOF members attended the U.S. Air Force Motorcycle Breakout, hosted at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., along with several other clubs that had come for Rolling Thunder.

On the Sunday of the Ride for Freedom, the group was lead by two Vietnam veterans, Colonel Simmons and Mike Junghann. The ride started promptly at noon, which was

announced by the overwhelming thunder in the air as hundreds of motorcycles started up almost simultaneously in anticipation to ride. An estimated 500,000 motorcyclists came out

After the ride was completed, respects was paid to the Vietnam Memorial Wall. The club motto is "We Ride for Those Who Cannot." To honor those at the Wall, Daniel "Jarrett" Rivas, SOF president, presented a club shirt at the panels. The SOF Sergeant at Arms, Master Sgt.



Twelve Hurlburt Field motorcyclists departed from the base May 24 to participate in Rolling Thunder: Ride for Freedom in Washington, D.C.

Guy Alexander, also carried a prisoners-ofwar/missing-in-action bracelet to the Wall that's worn by one of the members who couldn't attend the ride. His name was found on the Wall, confirming he's still MIA.

The formation of bike and chase vehicles arrived safely back in Florida in the late afternoon June 2, more than 2,800 miles later.

For information on the Sentinels of Freedom, visit http://www.hurlburt.af.mil/ basewide/sentinels/.

### Wing history office receives AF excellence award

Courtesy of the 16th SOW History Office

The 16th Special Operations Wing History Office recently received the 2005 Air Force Excellence in Wing History Program Award (Multi-Person History Program category).

As winners of this award the 16th SOW Wing History Office received recognition from Richard Anderegg, Air Force History and Museums Program director.

Mr. Anderegg said this award recognized the hard work, dedication, and commitment to excellence the personnel have shown through their outstanding work.

Master Sgt. Jeffrey Michalke and Dr. John Dabrowski are sole manning for the wing history office. Having worked together

for almost five years, they're responsible for preparing a classified semi-annual history as well as answering queries from the wing commander and staff, other government agencies, and the general public.

Dr. Dabrowski, who as an Army Reservist was mobilized for most of 2004, credits Sergeantt Michalke's diligent work and professionalism as a key factor for the office receiving this prestigious award. While Dr. Dabrowski's mobilization caused some initial minor inconveniences, the office still met all of its mission requirements.

Both men are pleased with the award and will continue to be proactive in serving the wing commander and his staff, in order to be a true service organi-

## Air Force finalizes new utility uniform

By Tech. Sgt. David Jablonski Air Force Print News

**WASHINGTON** — Blue and green tiger stripes are out; the digitized pattern with subdued green, tan, blue and gray

Special Operations and Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape Airmen will conduct a limited wear test of the new design at Hurlburt Field, Eglin Air Force Base and Fairchild AFB, Wash., this month.

After reviewing more than 150,000 bits of feedback throughout the initial seven-month wear test of the proposed utility uniform, Air Force leaders recently decided to eliminate the original color scheme and conduct a limited field test of the new pattern.

"The sole purpose of the test will be to see if we can add any features to the uniform to make it a better uniform in the field and to determine if the new colors (and) pattern provide camouflage protection they need in the field," said Senior Master Sgt. Dana Athnos, Air Force uniform board superintendent.

Airmen who participated in the initial wear test stopped wearing the more vibrant blue-green uniform March 1.

The original wear test involved more than 700 Airmen at 32 bases worldwide who kept detailed daily logs annotating likes, dislikes and wash-and-wear problems. They also completed three surveys.

"Throughout the test, Air Force leaders actively solicited feedback from testers and observers alike to ensure this uniform developed into one that fit the needs of today's Airmen," Sergeant Athnos said. "There were several avenues for feedback, ensuring that the (Air Force) chief of staff had realistic facts when making the final decision on the uniform," she said.

Those avenues included a survey sent to 45,000 Airmen, a Web site and direct e-mail to the uniform board.

"Some comments were positive, some were negative - all of them were provided directly to the chief of staff," Sergeant Athnos said.

The uniform is scheduled to be procured in mid-2005, officials said. Airmen can expect to purchase the uniform sometime in fiscal year 2007. The proposed uniform will be phased in over four or five years.



WASHINGTON - Air Force officials released photos of the latest version of the new Air Force utility uniform.

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"We in uniform know the risk and shoulder the load with pride," said Col. O.G. Mannon, 16th Special Operations Wing commander. "Although they were taken too soon and no tribute can help with the long nights of mourning, remember, their memories will never die."

Uniforms representing the Navy, Army and Air Force were scattered among the crowd that extended outside the walls of the hangar. A 21-gun salute and the playing of Taps ended this tearful ceremony. After the ceremony, at the 23rd STS and 6th SOS, gatherings were held to allow the feelings, memories and tears a chance to flow.

"These men were all good leaders and superb teammates," said Colonel Rodriguez. "It's a tremendous loss, but when it's three from the same unit, it hits hard. We'll take care of their families. They'll always be a part of our family."

During the post-ceremony gathering, the 23rd STS presented a slide show tribute that presented different perspectives on each man, from combat to home, to squadron to theater.

Displays were also set up throughout the squadron, allowing new memories and smiles to be offered to all.

"Derek wanted to operate, to do the mission, instead of being a 'desk jockey,'" said Staff Sgt. John Bates, 23rd STS weapons and tactics instructor. "He led from the front."

Sergeant Bates and Captain Argel were in the Scuba School together. As a swim team, they were undefeated in timed open surface swims. Sergeant Bates remembered the last race they had together.

"We had been training hard, and I was spent. I told Derek there was no way I could make it through this last race. He put a hand on my shoulder and said 'John, give me one more. Just one more time.' He knew if I didn't, I would regret it, but he never said it. We crushed them."

"Casey was always smiling," said Sergeant Bates. "We used to call him 'Sponge Bob.' He had extended his tour three months to be able to cover this mission. And Jeremy always listened to the enlisted troops when it came to ideas on how to run things. He took ideas well and if he didn't know it, he asked."

Maj. Michael Flatten, 23rd STS commander, trained all three men when he was command-

er of Advance Skills Training.

"Jeremy was quiet, controlled, never visibly upset. His wife was important to him, and he knew how to balance paperwork, training and family perfectly. He was going to be a team leader upon his return from this assignment," Major Flatten said. "Derek was all about business. He was smart and cared about his men. He was a good husband and father."

At the 6th SOS, Major Down's family were presented with his helmet and coins inscribed with his individual squadron number and a plaque honoring his memory. Lt. Col. Dan Grillone, 6th SOS director of operations, did the honors of retiring his squadron mug, an Air Force tradition.

"We spent many an evening discussing missions, life and families," said Colonel Grillone. "This is one of the small ways we will remember him forever. Brian will always remain a one-of-a-kind Airman. A true patriot."

"Brian was a friend, a brother, a scholar and an ambassador," said Lt. Col. Juan Alvarez, 6th SOS commander. "He was not a hero because of how he died, but how he lived. He treated everyone with dignity and respect. Brian was the best our nation could offer." The Air Force Special Operations Command Heraldic Device, displayed in the AFSOC headquarters building, memoralizes the following Air Commandos who have paid the ultimate sacrifice since Sept. 11, 2001:

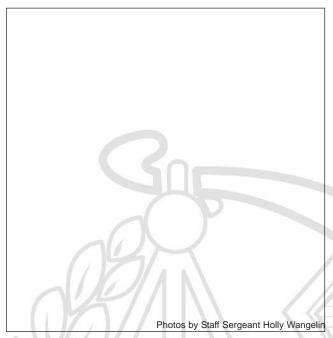
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# Need legal advice?



Senior Airman Petite Jacque (top left), 16th Special Operations Wing Judge Advocate office, review a vehicle claim with Tech. Sgt. Craig Shaw, Air Force Special Operations Command Logistics office.

Patricia Teicheit (lower right), administrative assistant and Maj. Tom Posch, deputy staff judge advocate, both of the 16th SOW JA office, discuss a claims case.



# 16th Special Operations Wing Judge Advocate Office is where to look for help

By Jamie Haig Public Affairs

The numbers don't lie. Over 2,400 legal assistant clients were served, and more than 3,400 documents prepared by the 16th Special Operations Wing Judge Advocate office since Jan. 1.

"Legal readiness to deploy is important," said Maj. Tom Posch, deputy staff judge advocate. "The key is not to wait until the week before a deployment to get your wills, power of attorney or advance medical directives completed."

The 16th SOW JA office has earned the honor of being ranked among the top 10 in military justice action procedures in the Air Force. The office handled 550 claims clients and over 600 civil law opinions for 16th SOW and associate unit commanders so far this year.

Base personnel and their dependents are the main customers, but they bill half of their manpower and resources advising the wing and the associate unit commanders on military justice and civil law matters.

The folks here at Hurlburt Field have some good legal minds to work with as well. Several staff members have won numerous awards from Airman of the Year to Civilian of the Year. Tech. Sgts. Vickie Gamble and Guadalupe Lopez have both worked Accident Investigation Boards.

After Hurricane Ivan ravaged the gulf

coast and Hurlburt Field, the legal office processed 283 hurricane claims. Separate from the hurricane, they processed 382 personal property claims.

The reason this crew is so busy is they handle the following type of legal assistance: criminal law, civil law, legal assistance, claims and torts litigation, labor law, government contract law, environmental and real property law and international and operations law.

Of the over 2,400 personnel served, 2,009 were active duty, 15 Guard and Reserve, 347 retired military and their dependents. Types of help received by the majority were special power of attorney and a general power of attorney following a close second. Wills and estates were the next in demand, with wills being drafted closing in the ranks. Also requested were over 400 advance medical directives.

In short, these folks are busy all the time. Their work is an essential part of every Airman's life and a great benefit to the base. So the next time you have a need for legal advice, want a will drawn or have a damage claim, stop at the 16th SOW Judge Advocate office for the best legal help on base.

Tech. Sgt. Guadalupe Lopez, 16th SOW JA office, processes claims in the claims office.

Airman Jacque (right), takes photos of Sergeant Shaw's vehicle for his claim.

# Have fun in sun, but watch out for heat

By the 16th MDG **Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight** 

As the summer quickly approaches Hurlburt Field, most of us think of beach trips, water skiing and sun bathing. But, whether on duty or off duty, disaster strikes when a family member, friend or co-worker is overcome by heat stress.

Heat stress is the combination of environmental and physiological factors that constitute the total heat load on the body.

Under extreme conditions, a heat injury can result if precautions aren't taken.

Excessive heat stress is dangerous and shouldn't be taken lightly, but we can protect ourselves if everyone plays their part.

Medical Group's Hurlburt Field Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight monitors the Wet Bulb Globe Temperatures.

The WBGT Index is the best indicator of heat stress exposure. Bioenvironmental Engineering collects the WBGT Index periodically throughout the workday and reports the results along with the heat condition, including flag color, to selected base organizations. Base weather distributes the WBGT index via the Automated Weather Data System. The 16th Services Squadron posts the flag color at the base gym and several other locations. Command Post relays the WBGT Index and the call Bioenvironmental Engineering at 881-1822. flag color to those organizations and personnel requesting the information.

Commanders enforce activity levels for all personnel and ensure everyone understands the WBGT monitoring program, health flags and preventive measures related to heat stress.

Supervisors ensure all workers are acclimated to the Florida heat.

Supervisors should also plan work/rest cycles and provide water at work sites.

Everyone conducting outdoor activities on particularly hot days should obtain information concerning the WBGT and follow preventive measures

- Wear loose-fitting clothes.
- Drink plenty of water (small amounts frequently throughout the day).
- Avoid alcohol and caffeinated beverages if engaged in strenuous activities.
- Modify activity schedules to perform the heaviest work in the coolest parts of the day.
- Be aware of heat injury symptoms and first aid for heat injuries.
- Slowly acclimate yourself to the Florida heat (up to 30 days).

For more information, refer to Hurlburt Field Instruction 48-106, Heat Stress Prevention Program, or

WBGT Index	Flag Color
78-81.9	None
82-84.9	Green
85-87.9	Yellow
88-89.9	Red
90 +	Black

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### Home is that much closer

By Senior Airman Shaun Emery 332nd AEW Public Affairs

Often, Airmen deploying overseas have the fortune of running into old friends from past bases and technical schools.

Recently, that good fortune brought together two people with a more significant bond.

Staff Sgt. Shannon Knorr, 16th Logistical Readiness Squadron, received short-notice orders to deploy to Balad.

Knowing that her step-sister, Army Private 1st Class, Rebecca Dever, 18th Aviation Brigade aviation specialist, was already serving a tour in Iraq, Sergeant Knorr and her family decided to keep her deployment a secret.

"We thought it would be a nice surprise. We hadn't seen each other in eight months," said Sergeant Knorr.

There was also a chance the orders could change, and Sergeant Knorr didn't want to get Private Dever's hopes up.

After arriving on station, Sergeant Knorr got together with her first sergeant to see if she could help locate her sister.

"People are my business," said Master Sgt. Bobbie Kendall, JSOAD first sergeant. "It was important to her, so it was important to me. Family is an important part of everyone's morale and having a family member at a deployed location helps relieve stress."

"In the meantime, I went to dinner at Dining Facility Four and, on my way to get dessert, she



Private 1st Class Rebecca Dever (left), and her step-sister, Staff Sgt. Shannon Knorr, 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron, visit each other during dinner at Dining Facility Four.

spotted me," said Sergeant Knorr. "She was beyond surprised."

"I was overwhelmed," said Private Dever. "I never thought this would happen."

The sisters now see each other almost every day. They meet for meals at DFAC four and talk about their days. The sisters were able to call home together and wish their mother a happy Mother's Day.

"She loves hearing from us no matter what day it is, but I think it was extra special to be able to speak with both of us," said Sergeant Knorr.

Being far away from home is hard, but for Sergeant Knorr and Private Dever, home now feels that much closer.

# Cardboard boat regatta, Sound of Independence

The 16th Services Squadron will be hosting the Sound of Independence and the 17th Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta June 30 on the Soundside club's grounds from noon to 10 p.m.

This annual event will feature great entertainment, a variety of food and beverages, activities for children, craft booths and a fireworks display.

Patrons may purchase an armband for \$10 per person to enjoy unlimited rides during the event. Admission is free and open to the public.

Schedule of events:

Noon to 2:30 p.m. – DJ Dave (main stage)

2 - 6 p.m. – Live Radio remote

**2:30 - 6 p.m.** – The Blackened Blues/Variety/New Orleans (main stage)

3:15 and 7 p.m. - Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show

(by the water)

**5 p.m.** – Boat regatta judging

5:30 p.m. – Boat regatta

**6 p.m**. – Colors, national anthem, annual flag dance 7 - 10 p.m. – Cassens Murphy Band/Variety/Detroit (main stage)

**9:15 p.m.** – Fireworks

Visit https://www.hurlburt.af.mil/basewide/services/ for information. To register for the boat regatta, call outdoor recreation at 884-6939 by the June 24 dead-

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# Military

#### **Changes of command**

A change-of-command ceremony will be held at the 15th Aircraft Maintenance Unit hangar June 17 at 10 a.m., when Lt. Col. William Preaskorn will relinquish command of the 16th Operations Support Squadron to Lt. Col. Phil Locklear. UOD is BDUs.

A change-of-command ceremony will be held at the Air Park June 20 at 9 a.m., when Col. Skip Day, 16th Mission Support Group commander, will relinquish command of the 16th Civil Engineer Squadron on behalf of Lt. Col. William Kolakowski, who can't be present, to Maj. Douglas Hardman. UOD is BDUs.

A change-of-command ceremony will be held at the Air Park June 23 at 9 a.m., when Maj. Jaimie Pease will relinquish command of the 16th Mission Support Squadron to Maj. Jesse Johnson. UOD is BDUs. Alternate, inclement weather, location will be the Soundside club.

A change-of-command ceremony will be held at Freedom Hangar June 24 at 9 a.m., when Lt. Col. Stuart Lum will relinquish command of the 16th Helicopter Maintenance Squadron to Lt. Col. Mary Behne. UOD is BDUs.

#### **CGOC** meeting

A Company Grade Officers Council meeting will be held Thursday at 3:30 p.m. at Connie's Hooch. For more information, call 1st Lt. Erica Amstadt at 884-2888.

#### **Asian-Pacific course**

The U.S. Special Operations School invites all Special Operators to attend the Asia-Pacific Orientation Course from June 27 to July 1. The course is designed for anyone preparing to live in or deploy to the Asian-Pacific region, those who are from the region or have an analytical interest in the region.

Registration begins June 27 at 7:30 a.m. For more information, call Capt. Jae Sim at 884-1858 or visit https://www.hurlburt.af.mil/milonly/tenantunits/jsou/.

#### Warfare course

The Joint Special Operations University invites all base personnel to attend the Contemporary Insurgency Warfare Course Monday through June 17. The course is designed for the Special Operations community. To register for the course, call Joyce Weber at 884-4731 or Capt. Laura Johnson at 884-6984. For more information, visit https://www.hurlburt.af.mil/milonly/tenantunits/jsou/.

#### **Cultural course**

The U.S. Air Force Special Operations School invites all Special Operations personnel to attend a Cross Cultural Communications Course from June 27 to July 1. The course is designed for personnel preparing to live in or deploy overseas, who work with international military personnel and those with a professional or analytical interest in international studies. For more information, call Capt. Apryl Cymbal at 884-4472 or visit https://www.hurlburt.af.mil/milonly/tenantunits/jsou/.

# Community

#### Claims

Anyone with a claim for or against the estate of Master Sgt. Dan Williamson, 4th Special Operations Squadron, should call Capt. Meghan Ripple at 884-8446/8447.

Anyone with a claim for or against Maj. Brian Downs, 6th Special Operations Squadron, should call 1st Lt. Eric Bernkopf at 884-8382/5136.

Anyone with a claim for or against Capt. Derek Argel, 23rd Special Tactics Squadron, should call 1st Lt. Anna Hamman at 884-5191 or 581-0228.

Anyone with a claim for or against Capt. Jeremy Fresques, 23rd STS, should call 1st Lt. Cynthia Strickland at 884-5191 or (757) 927-4808.

Anyone with a claim for or against Staff Sgt. Casey Crate, 23rd STS, should call Capt. Morgan D'Olympia at 881-2717 or 862-1737.

#### Religious representatives

The 16th Special Operations Wing chapel is looking for points of contact for Islamic, Jewish, Buddhist, Orthodox and Latter Day Saints faiths. Those interested in helping ensure these faiths are represented at Hurlburt Field should call Master Sgt. Salvador Manalang at 884-7795.

#### Munch & Mend

The Hurlburt Field chapel invites Airmen to Munch & Mend Monday to have repairs made to or stripes, patches or nametags sewn on to one article of clean clothing, while enjoying a free home-cooked meal. For more information, call Bill White at 884-7371 or Jimmie Thomas at 315-4746.

#### Bicycle claim

The 16th Security Forces Squadron Investigations Section has numerous bicycles that were seized as abandoned property from the Hurlburt Field dormitories May 25. If you think any of these bicycles belong to you, call 884-7705. Proof of ownership must be presented upon claiming bicycles.

#### Memorable gifts

The frame skills shop offers custom order and memorable graduation, retirement and change-of-command gifts. Eligible patrons can select from a variety of frames and matting to showcase commemorative gifts. The shop is located inside the skills development center, Building 90612. For hours and more information, call 884-5868.

#### **CPTS** closures

The 16th Comptroller Squadron's finance office be closed today for change-of-command and retirement ceremony activities. For emergencies, call 803-3324.

# Volunteer

#### **EEO** counselor

Hurlburt Field is in need of a collateral equal employment opportunity counselor to set up and run an EEO program for the base. It would involve establishing and publicizing a new program, being the base alternative dispute resolution champion, assisting employees with discrimination complaint issues and keeping the commander apprised of EEO issues. Those interested should provide a résumé to Gary Stewart at 884-5219.

#### **Hurlburt Toastmasters**

Anyone interested in joining the Hurlburt Toastmasters club can attend regular meetings Wednesdays at noon in Classroom J of the education center.

Toastmasters can help individuals improve and develop their speaking, listening and leadership skills through a mutually supportive and positive learning environment. For more information, call Marty Mears at 884-3050 or visit http://hurlburt.freetoasthost.org.

#### **FSC** volunteer opportunities

The family support center has many volunteer opportunities available through its volunteer resource program office. Some opportunities include the Loan Closet, Airman's Atticand Meals on Wheels. For more information, call Dee Dee Rodriguez at 884-1533.

#### Chapel help

The Hurlburt Field Chapel is looking for a list of five to 10 volunteers who would be available to help answer phones for three hours per week on days when the receptionist is on leave. For more information, call Senior Airman John McIntosh or Andy Ramos at 884-7795

# Classes

#### **HAWC** classes

The following classes are available at the health and wellness center:

**Run Clinic** – Monday, 1 p.m.

**Healthy Living Workshop** – Tuesday, 8:30

**Fitness Improvement Program** – Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.

# epartment of Defense to resume anthrax shots

**WASHINGTON** — The Department of Defense will resume its Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program, officials said recently.

A memorandum allows military commanders to resume the vaccination program using the emergency use authorization conditions issued by the Food and Drug Administration.

The program requires commanders to follow EUA conditions very carefully, providing members of the armed services both education on the program and an option to refuse the vaccination withoutpenalty.

This significant step allows the department to resume this vital protection measure for servicemembers who are at increased risk of exposure to anthrax attack, said Dr. William Winkenwerder, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs.

Once vaccinations begin, DOD will provide an

education and information program, including an FDA-approved brochure.

It informs potential vaccine recipients and healthcare providers that FDA has authorized the emergency use of anthrax vaccine to prevent inhalation anthrax. Vaccinations will be limited to military units designated for homeland bioterrorism defense, U.S. forces assigned to the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility and Korea. AFPN

# inore road

#### Courtesy of the 16th SOW Safety Office

To everyone who departs Hurlburt Field's main gate merging into the westbound traffic on U.S. Highway 98, merging at this location can be a risky maneuver.

Be courteous and patient and remember some drivers' merging skills are more proficient than others.

There are an estimated two billion episodes of road rage per year in our nation.

How do we avoid becoming involved with violent, aggressive drivers?

*Apply these safety tips:* 

- Drive defensively.
- Allow plenty of time for your trip
- Don't tailgate
- Give tailgaters the opportunity to pass by changing lanes
- Use the horn sparingly
- Don't switch lanes with out signaling
- Don't use or return obscene gestures
- Don't challenge road ragers by speeding up or blocking their lane
- Report aggressive drivers to the police

### **Hurlburt Field Chapel**

#### Catholic Mass

Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Sunday, 7:15 and 10 a.m.

Confessions: Saturday, 4:30 to 5 p.m., or by

Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday

Religious Education: September -

May **Protestant Services** 

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. (Traditional worship)

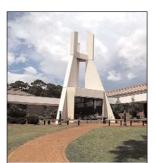
11:30 a.m. (Contemporary worship) Religious Education: August – May Youth and Singles groups available Jewish Services (882-2111)

Sabbath services: Friday, 7:30 p.m., Eglin

Muslim Services (882-2111), Eglin Chapel Center

Jumuah: Friday, 12:45 p.m.

For more information, call 884-7795.



## the movies

Hurlburt Field Amityville Horror (R) Friday and Sunday

A Lot Like Love (PG-13)

Saturday

Eglin Air Force Base Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy (PG)

Friday and Sunday

The Interpreter(PG-13)

Saturday

Prices are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Movies start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

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# Air Force marathon set for Sept. 17

By Steve VanWert

Air Force Services Agency Public Affairs

**SAN ANTONIO** — Air Force Services officials will hold the ninth annual Air Force Marathon at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, Sept. 17.

The marathon will include a half-marathon, wheelchair race, a four-person relay and a 5K race. The deadline for registration is Sept. 2. The race

is open to the public.

The course is a certified 26.2-mile run that starts and ends at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force and traverses historical places on Wright-Patterson, including the Air Force Institute of Technology, Air Force Materiel Command head-quarters, the Wright-Patterson flightline and the Wright Brothers Memorial Monument.

Bill Rogers, a four-time winner of the Boston and New York City marathons and a member of the 1976 U.S. Olympic marathon team, along with Alberto Salazar, who set six U.S. records, a world record and won three consecutive New York

marathons, will speak at a dinner at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force on Sept. 16 and participate in the races.

Registration fees are: marathon (individual), \$45; wheelchair, \$45; relay team, \$160 per team; half marathon, \$30; the 5K, \$15. Tickets for the dinner can be paid for on the registration entry form and are \$12 per adult, \$6 per child ages 6 to 12 and free for children age 5 or younger. Permissive temporary duty is authorized for this event.

The Air Force Marathon has been flying high for eight years, and Air Force Services Agency officials recently approved it as an official Air Force event. The marathon began in 1997 as Wright Patterson's tribute to the 50th anniversary of the Air Force.

A record 3,500 people participated last year, while about 7,000 others volunteered or were spectators.

"Becoming the official Air Force Marathon brings credibility to it," said M. Scott Nunnelly, AFSA.

The Air Force Marathon is already a qualifying



Courtesy Photo

Runners head to the finish line during an annual Air Force marathon held at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

race for the Boston Marathon.

For more information, visit www.afmarathon. wpafb.af.mil, or call (937) 257-4350 or (800) 467-1823.

### 505th CCW win Over-30 Championship

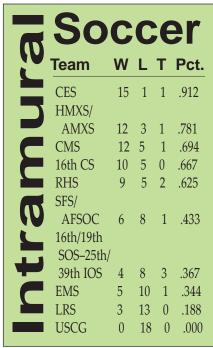
By Staff Sgt. Chris Jordan Public Affairs

After winning the regular season Over-30 softball league with an overpowering 14-1 record, the 505th Command and Control Wing were heavy favorites to take the tournament championship.

The final outcome wasn't to be a surprise. The 505th CCW ripped through the six-team double elimination tournament, going undefeated enroute to their intramural over-30 softball season finale.

The championship game was Tuesday at the Aderholt Fitness Center softball fields. Air Force Special Operations Command tried to curb the 505th CCW drive through the tournament, but fell short, losing 8-4 in the final game.

# Regular season standings, current as of Thursday



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	CES	9	6	.600	
	RHS	8	7	.533	
	CMS	5	12	.294	
	OSS	3	14	.176	
	Det 1/CONS	1	7	.125	
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	COMM	12	6	.667	
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	LRS	9	9	.500	
	HMXS	7	11	.389	
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	RHS	1	2	.333		
	MSS	1	3	.250		
	AFSOC	0	4	.000		
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	SFS	4	0	1.000		
	SVS	2	1	.667		
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	OSS	2	3	.400		
	CPTS	1	4	.200		
	39 IOS	0	4	.000		
	23 STS	0	0	.000		



#### Tennis club

The Hurlburt Field Tennis Club is playing every Wednesday starting in June from 5 to 7 p.m. at the tennis courts beside the U.S. Air Force Special Operations School.

The tennis club is an informal group of people interested in playing tennis and requires one can of new tennis balls to join. The play will consist of eight game pro sets with no add scoring. All players will move up or down and switch partners. The club is open to all Hurlburt Field personnel. For more information, e-mail Vicki Helton at vicki.helton@hurlburt.af.mil.

#### Pilates classes

As of June 1, the Pilates class at the Riptide Fitness Center has been moved to Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:10 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. The

Aderholt Fitness Center also offers a Pilates class Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 7 p.m.

For the latest schedule of classes, call or visit any of the three fitness centers. Also, the 16th Services Squadron posts a monthly schedule at https://www.hurlburt.af.mil/basewide/services/schedule

#### **Cheerleading clinic**

Youth programs will hold a summer cheerleading clinic for youth ages 6 and up July 9 from 8:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Commando Fitness Center. Cost is \$15 per youth. Register no later than June 17 at the youth center.

For more information, call 884-6355.

#### Coaches needed

Youth sports is seeking energetic, fun loving,

child oriented volunteers interested in coaching youth soccer and flag football.

Openings are available for all age groups (5-13 for soccer, 6-14 for flag football). Stop by the Youth Center for a packet or for more information, call

### Upcoming playoffs, sports The intramural softball playoffs began

The intramural softball playoffs began Wednesday. All games will be played at the Aderholt Fitness Center softball fields. Come out and cheer on your team. The intramural soccer playoffs will begin next week and will be played at the Aderholt Fitness Center's soccer field.

Intramural volleyball is still going with playoffs scheduled for the end of July. Horseshoes will begin in September. For more information about sporting activities, call Jim Harriot at 884-6949.